less, but, when they get older, they require more fuel, tallow, greeze, etc., i. e., when their carrying power becomes less and less.

President.—All that depends upon the age and efficiency of the engine.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I ask the Chief Engineer whether the answer is correct? My point is that it is not correct.

President.—You may take it to be so.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when the engines became old?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Gradually they are becoming older and older.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Would the Government kindly tell us why from 1095 onwards there is an increase but till 1095 it was the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In 1095 the work was begun. All these materials are required for workshops also.

President.—The workshop was not in existence then.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, Sir. The workshop was not in existence then.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Yes, Sir. The workshop existed long before.

President.—There is a dispute about facts, and I am helpless.

501. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has been satisfied that the increase of expenditure in the Tramway Department from 1095 to 1101 was necessary for the purposes of the department;

(b) (1) whether before sanctioning the increased expenditure referred to in (a) the Government have recorded the reasons for the increased expenditure;

(2) if so, whether the reasons so recorded will be placed on the Council table?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) (1) Yes.

(2) The main cause for the increased expenditure between the years 1095 to 1099 was the development of the Chalakkudi Workshop. In 1100 and 1101 it was due to the necessity for repairing the damages caused by the unprecedented floods of 1099 and the general overhaul of the line sanctioned.

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